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2023

Kansas State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Kansas's State Legislature are voting on economic growth issues.

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THE CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. This is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

Methodology | Kansas 2023

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Kansas's elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker's record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Club's immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examines votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN KANSAS IN 2023

The Foundation's study examined over 590 floor votes and, in the end, included 17 Kansas House votes and 17 Kansas Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an "X" on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker's position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an "I".

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #125 in the House and #40 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a "Lifetime Score" for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2023 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases "n.a." for "not applicable" appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with "n.a." listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without "n.a." years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Kansas House and Kansas Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker's work in committee, advocacy in his party's caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

"Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity."

- DAVID McINTOSH

PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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40 MEMBERS

Kansas Senate Snapshot

29 Republicans

11 Democrats

0 Independent

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 51%
(No change from 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 18%
(Down from 29% in 2022)

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN
Senator Mark Steffen (SD-34) | 96%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN
Senator John Doll (SD-39) | 13%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT
Senator Thomas Holland (SD-3) | 25%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT
Senator Pat Pettey (SD-6) | 8%

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Name	District	Party	Score	Life-score	HB2060	HB2094	HB2100	HB2184	HB2292	HB2336	SB17	SB25	SB83 Steffen Amdt	SB83	SB91	SB123	SB155 Reddi Amdt	SB155	SB169	SB229	SB309	Rank
PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	
POINTS					4	2	4	10	4	6	6	6	6	10	5	4	2	10	10	3	8	
Alley, Larry	SD-32	R	49%	44%	-	2	4	-	-	X	-	-	6	10	X	-	2	10	10	-	-	13
Baumgardner, Molly	SD-37	R	58%	58%	-	2	4	-	-	-	6	6	6	10	-	-	2	10	10	X	-	8
Billinger, Richard	SD-40	R	31%	36%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	2	10	10	-	-	28
Blasi, Chase	SD-27	R	57%	57%	X	2	4	-	-	-	-	6	6	X	5	X	2	10	10	X	-	10
Bowers, Elaine	SD-36	R	36%	38%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	10	-	8	25
Claeys, J. R.	SD-24	R	43%	41%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	X	10	10	-	-	21
Corson, Ethan	SD-07	D	18%	23%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	36
Dietrich, Brenda	SD-20	R	36%	34%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	10	-	8	25
Doll, John	SD-39	R	13%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	8	38
Erickson, Renee	SD-30	R	60%	54%	-	2	4	-	-	-	6	6	6	10	-	4	2	10	10	-	-	5
Fagg, Michael	SD-14	R	44%	42%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	2	10	10	-	-	15
Faust-Goudeau, Oletha	SD-29	D	9%	19%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	39
Francisco, Marci	SD-02	D	20%	20%	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	32
Gossage, Beverly	SD-09	R	53%	50%	-	2	4	-	-	-	6	-	6	10	X	-	2	10	10	-	-	12
Haley, David	SD-04	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	32
Holland, Thomas	SD-03	D	25%	44%	4	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	8	29
Holscher, Cindy	SD-08	D	18%	23%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	36
Kerschen, Dan	SD-26	R	49%	42%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	X	X	10	3	8	13
Kloos, Richard	SD-19	R	44%	42%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	2	10	10	-	-	15
Longbine, Jeff	SD-17	R	38%	33%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	2	10	10	-	8	24
Masterson, Ty	SD-16	R	44%	42%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	2	10	10	-	-	15

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McGinn, Carolyn	SD-31	R	33%	31%	X	2	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	10	-	X	8	27
O'Shea, Kristen	SD-18	R	59%	44%	-	2	4	10	-	-	-	6	6	-	X	-	2	X	10	X	8	7
Olson, Robert	SD-23	R	41%	46%	4	2	4	-	-	-	-	6	X	-	-	-	2	-	10	3	8	23
Peck, Virgil	SD-15	R	81%	84%	-	2	4	10	4	6	6	6	6	10	5	-	2	10	10	-	-	3
Petersen, Mike	SD-28	R	44%	42%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	2	10	10	-	-	15
Pettey, Pat	SD-06	D	8%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	40
Pittman, Jeffrey	SD-05	D	21%	29%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	8	31
Pyle, Dennis	SD-01	R	58%	71%	-	2	X	10	4	6	-	6	X	-	5	-	2	X	-	3	8	8
Reddi, Usha	SD-22	D	19%	19%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	8	34
Ryckman, Ronald	SD-38	R	42%	41%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	10	10	-	8	22
Shallenburger, Tim	SD-13	R	44%	44%	X	2	4	-	X	6	-	-	6	X	-	X	X	X	10	X	-	15
Steffen, Mark	SD-34	R	96%	77%	-	2	4	X	4	6	6	6	6	10	5	4	2	10	10	3	8	1
Straub, Alicia	SD-33	R	91%	91%	-	2	4	X	4	6	6	6	6	10	5	-	2	10	10	3	8	2
Sykes, Dinah	SD-21	D	22%	25%	4	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	30
Thompson, Mike	SD-10	R	55%	59%	-	2	4	-	4	6	6	-	6	-	5	-	2	10	10	-	-	11
Tyson, Caryn	SD-12	R	81%	90%	-	2	4	10	4	6	6	6	6	10	5	-	2	10	10	-	-	3
Ware, Mary	SD-25	D	19%	23%	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	34
Warren, Kellie	SD-11	R	60%	49%	-	2	4	-	-	X	6	-	6	10	X	-	2	10	10	3	-	5
Wilborn, Richard	SD-35	R	44%	42%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-	2	10	10	-	-	15

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HB 2060

CRONY STUDENT LOAN EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the Medical Student Loan Act. Specifically, the legislation expands eligible recipients to include obstetrics and gynecology for approved postgraduate residency training. This program utilizes taxpayer dollars to subsidize tuition costs and a $2,000 monthly stipend for undergraduate medical students at the University of Kansas who agree to practice medicine in "underserved" and hand-selected areas of the state. Lawmakers should not create central-planning schemes that determine in what parts of Kansas medical students should seek to practice their profession. Further, hardworking taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize select professions, much less ones that routinely earn salaries above the state's per capita income. The Kansas House passed the bill, 83-39, on April 27, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 32-3, on April 6, 2023.

HB 2094

VETO OVERRIDE FOR WORK REQUIREMENTS IN FOOD STAMPS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor's veto of a work reform in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Specifically, the override restores an expansion of work requirements in the food stamp program for individuals aged 50-59 without dependents and special exemptions to take part in employment searches and training to maintain eligibility within the program. The Kansas House overrode the veto, 84-40, on April 26, 2023. The Kansas Senate overrode it, 28-12, on April 27, 2023.

HB 2100

PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prevents hedge funds and private equity funds responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation constrains the commission charged with overseeing the $24 billion in Kansas's pension system to only engage with companies for the sole purpose of maximizing shareholder value as opposed to those that prioritize woke Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) practices. Additionally, the bill prohibits state agencies from entering into contracts with certain entities that prioritize ESG edicts over the pecuniary interests of clients, consumers, and taxpayers. The Kansas House passed the bill, 76-47, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 27-12, on the same day.

HB 2184

MISSED OPPORTUNITY BUDGET AGREEMENT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is one of three bills that constitute the annual budget process. Specifically, the legislation allocates a record $17.8 billion in state spending for FY2024, a 4.1 percent year-

over-year increase from the previous budget. Additionally, the bill incorporates $220 million in new federal infrastructure spending, $150 million in new crony workforce development initiatives to benefit well-connected industries, $142 million in federal ARPA funding for higher education projects, and $100 million in additional Medicaid spending for a welfare program with consistently poor health outcomes. It should be noted that the bill successfully stayed below the population plus inflation metric, but ultimately inflates the baselines of key agencies that will burden hardworking Kansans in the years ahead. The Kansas House passed the bill, 79-44 on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 24-12, on the same day.

HB 2292

NEW CRONY GRANT AND TAX PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements several new tax credits and a matching grant program. Specifically, the legislation creates the Apprenticeship Tax Credit which rewards eligible employers with up to $55,000 per year in tax credits against their income tax liability for employing apprentices and provides a separate credit for apprentices in secondary and postsecondary career and technical programs. The tax credits are capped at $7.5 million annually. Additionally, the bill creates a matching $2.5 million apprentice grant program at the Department of Commerce to hand out taxpayer subsidies to eligible employers for a total of $10 million in crony taxpayer-funded apprenticeship programs for government-preferred businesses. The Kansas House passed the bill, 110-11, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 32-6, on the same day.

HB 2336

EMPOWERING SIGNIFICANT LOCAL TAX INCREASES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the power of airport authorities to issue bonds. Specifically, the legislation increases the threshold for triggering the required approval of new municipal taxes from airport authorities from $1 million to $10 million–an immediate 900 percent increase in the taxation capabilities of such entities. Additionally, the bill strips voters of their ability to disapprove of such taxes and instead places approval in the hands of relevant county commissioners, diminishing direct accountability of airport authority bonds. Further, the bill provides for bonds over the previous 1.85 percent cap of the assessed value of taxable personal property in the county. The Kansas House passed the bill, 117-6, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 31-7, on the same day.

SB 17

CENTRALLY PLANNED HOUSING BOND SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates new government-planned housing criteria. Specifically, the legislation authorizes cities with more than 60,000 residents to create housing reinvestment districts that dictate the development of government housing units down to the number built and square footage. Additionally, the bill expands the usage of municipal bonds in these districts to finance new government

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housing projects, further expands eligibility under the rural housing development program, and permanently expands the existing housing investment tax credit for well-connected developers. While the total impact on hardworking Kansans is unknown, this massive central planning scheme immediately impacts the seven largest cities and nearly 40 percent of the state population. The Kansas House passed the bill, 63-59, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 31-9, on the same day.

SB 25

OMNIBUS SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements the omnibus reconciliation budget for FY2024 and is one of three bills that constitute the annual budget process. Specifically, the legislation appropriates an additional $120 million for an across-the-board meritless pay raise for government employees and creates a new committee to dole out $55 million in annual infrastructure funding to well-connected entities through the Build Kansas Matching Infrastructure Grant fund. The Kansas House passed the bill, 91-29, on April 28, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 29-10, on the same day.

SB 83

TRANSFORMATIONAL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a significant ESA program for eligible pre-K-12 students in Kansas. Specifically, the legislation provides for tax dollars to follow students to a school of their parents' or guardians' choice–including private education–over a five-year phase-in approach that gradually expands eligibility up to 600 percent of the federal poverty level by FY2027. Parents will have access to roughly $5,100–equal to 95 percent of the annual per-pupil allocation–each year for tuition, books, and other related education expenses. This bill greatly expands opportunities for improved educational outcomes at a time when record numbers of children have left the failing government school systems. The Kansas House passed the bill, 65-58, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate rejected it, 17-20, on the same day.

SB 83 Steffen AMDT

LOW-INCOME SCHOLARSHIP EXPANSION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment expands the existing low-income scholarship tax credit program beyond its current parameters. Specifically, the legislation increases the eligibility threshold for this program from 250 percent of the federal poverty level to 400 percent. Parents will have access to a maximum of $8,000 each year for tuition, books, and other related education expenses at a school of their choice. The Kansas Senate adopted the amendment, 21-15, on February 23, 2023. The Kansas House did not take it up.

SB 91

HOLLYWOOD TAX GIVEAWAY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates the Kansas Film and Digital Media Industry Development program. Specifically, the legislation authorizes $10 million in crony tax credits to production companies and exempts sales taxes from purchases of tangible property. Additionally, the bill provides for the Department of Commerce to award $1 million in taxpayer-funded grants each

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year and authorize up to 40 percent refundability to eligible production companies that qualify for the program. This type of flagrant cronyism–wherein Kansans essentially subsidize wealthy Hollywood production companies to entice them to film in the state–enriches a select few well-connected, government-preferred entities at the expense of hardworking taxpayers. The Kansas Senate passed it, 28-7, on February 23, 2023. The Kansas House did not take it up.

SB 123

NEW CRONY HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides taxpayer-funded grants to older students in specific fields of study. Specifically, the legislation provides up to $3,000 per semester to adults over the age of 25 attending select universities in government-preferred fields such as healthcare, science, engineering, and early childhood education. Further, the bill provides for a $1,500 income tax credit upon graduation if recipients live and work in Kansas for two years. The two-year cost of the program is $2 million with eligibility criteria largely determined by household income. Lawmakers should not create new programs requiring hardworking families to subsidize adults who choose to leave the workforce for school. The Kansas House passed the bill, 122-1, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 35-2, on the same day.

SB 155

STRONG APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING CUT

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill appropriates funding for FY2023, FY2024, and some programs through FY2026. Specifically, the legislation implements a 3.25 percent year-over-year cut to numerous state agencies equal to $97 million. Additionally, the bill excludes attempts to expand Medicaid to able-bodied adults, prohibits taxpayer-funded DEI programs, and intentionally leaves out a 5 percent across-the-board pay raise for government workers recommended by Governor Kelly. The Kansas Senate passed the bill, 23-12, on March 21, 2023. The Kansas House did not take it up.

SB 155 Reddi AMDT

PROTECTING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI INFRASTRUCTURE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment reinstitutes taxpayer-backed funding for higher education institutions to operate woke Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) offices and programs that promote race essentialism. Hardworking Kansans should not be compelled to fund a bureaucracy that engages in explicit discrimination and espouses neo-Marxist concepts. The Kansas Senate rejected the amendment, 11-25, on March 16, 2023. The Kansas House did not take it up.

SB 169

VETO OVERRIDE ON TRANSFORMATIONAL TAX OVERHAUL

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant new tax relief for individuals and businesses in Kansas. Specifically, the legislation eliminates the income tax for the lowest bracket and institutes a single 5.15 percent flat rate for all Kansans with income above $12,300 in married households and income above $6,150

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for individuals. The bill reduces the existing state corporate income tax from 4 percent to 3 percent beginning in FY2024 and further reduces the privilege tax for banks from 2.25 percent to 1.63 percent by FY2025. Additionally, the bill implements an annual cost of living increase for the standard deduction and fully eliminates the food sales tax by the end of 2023. Estimates suggest that these measures will provide hardworking Kansans with nearly $1.4 billion in tax relief. The Kansas House passed the bill, 85-38, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate sustained the veto, 26-14, on April 26, 2023.

SB 229

COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATOR SALARY INCREASES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes the Legislative Compensation Commission. Specifically, the legislation creates a commission to justify salary increases for state lawmakers with members of the commission hand-selected by the governor or in specific leadership roles. The legislation specifies that statewide officials will have their salaries pegged to congressional salaries beginning in 2025. Further, the bill grants the new commission the authority to make recommendations on retirement benefits. As hardworking Kansans face persistent inflation and high costs, lawmakers should not seek self-serving salary increases at the expense of their constituents. The Kansas House passed the bill, 76-46, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 25-8, on the same day.

SB 309

MUNICIPAL SPENDING BINGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates two new slush funds for municipalities. Specifically, the legislation creates a new $220 million "revenue shock" fund to funnel taxpayer dollars to counties and cities to offset "lost revenue" from decreased local sales taxes imposed by the state legislature. Additionally, the bill creates a $50 million "extraordinary needs" fund to dole out grants to well-connected municipal subdivisions with the best lobbyists. Lawmakers should not seek to undo efforts to alleviate tax burdens on hardworking Kansans by spending more of their money on new handouts to local governments seeking to find new revenue sources. The Kansas Senate rejected the bill, 17-23, on March 28, 2023. The Kansas House did not take it up.

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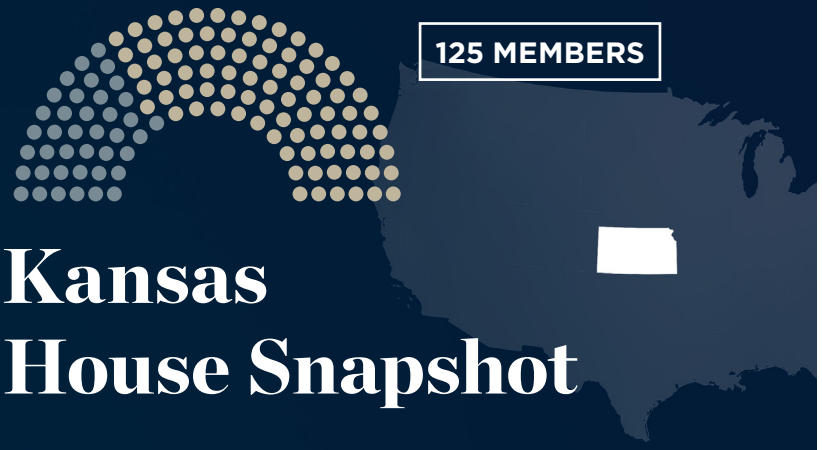


Kansas House Snapshot

85 Republicans

40 Democrats

0 Independent

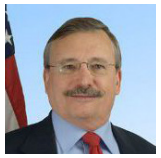
0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 42%
(Down from 54% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 25%
(Up from 23% in 2022)

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICANS
Rep. Brett Fairchild (HD-113) | 96%
Rep. Bill Rhiley (HD-80) | 96%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN
Rep. Mark Schreiber (HD-60) | 10%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT
Rep. John Carmichael (HD-92) | 46%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT
Rep. Jason Probst (HD-102) | 3%

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POINTS					4	2	4	7	10	4	4	6	6	8	6	6	6	10	4	10	3	
Alcala, John	HD-057	D	29%	24%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	81
Amyx, Mike	HD-045	D	17%	18%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	112
Anderson, Avery	HD-072	R	30%	46%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Awerkamp, Francis	HD-061	R	72%	86%	-	2	4	-	10	4	-	6	-	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	-	6
Ballard, Barbara	HD-044	D	7%	13%	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	121
Barth, Carrie	HD-005	R	46%	46%	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	25
Bergkamp, Brian	HD-093	R	72%	65%	-	2	4	-	10	4	-	6	-	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	-	6
Bergquist, Emil	HD-091	R	36%	49%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	56
Blew, Tory Marie	HD-112	R	50%	50%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	16
Blex, Douglas	HD-012	R	44%	53%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31
Bloom, Lewis	HD-064	R	49%	49%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	6	-	-	10	3	22
Borjon, Jesse	HD-052	R	17%	28%	-	2	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	112
Boyd, Brad	HD-049	D	31%	31%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	66
Bryce, Ron	HD-011	R	44%	44%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31
Buehler, David	HD-040	R	30%	30%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Butler, Nathan	HD-068	R	16%	16%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	115
Carlin, Sydney	HD-066	D	7%	13%	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	3	121
Carmichael, John	HD-092	D	46%	45%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	6	8	6	6	-	-	-	-	3	25
Carpenter, Blake	HD-081	R	30%	30%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Carpenter, Will	HD-075	R	30%	40%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Carr, Ford	HD-084	D	35%	35%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	3	61

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Clayton, Stephanie	HD-019	D	29%	24%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	81
Clifford, Bill	HD-122	R	21%	35%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	10	-	101
Collins, Kenneth	HD-002	R	39%	50%	-	2	4	X	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	45
Concannon, Susan	HD-107	R	22%	21%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	10	-	99
Corbet, Ken	HD-054	R	45%	53%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	3	30
Croft, Chris	HD-008	R	30%	40%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Curtis, Pam	HD-032	D	10%	14%	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
Delperdang, Leo	HD-094	R	47%	60%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	X	6	-	10	-	10	-	23
Dodson, Mike	HD-067	R	18%	30%	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	10	-	111
Donohoe, Owen	HD-039	R	54%	62%	-	2	4	-	10	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	6	10	-	10	-	12
Droge, Duane	HD-013	R	44%	44%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31
Ellis, Ronald	HD-047	R	43%	52%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	10	3	41
Eplee, John	HD-063	R	16%	28%	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	115
Essex, Robyn	HD-078	R	36%	36%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	56
Estes, Susan	HD-087	R	44%	55%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31
Fairchild, Brett	HD-113	R	96%	92%	4	2	4	7	10	4	4	6	6	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	3	1
Featherston, Linda	HD-016	D	20%	16%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	104
Francis, Shannon	HD-125	R	20%	35%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	104
Garber, Randy	HD-062	R	85%	90%	-	2	4	-	10	4	4	6	6	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	3	4
Gardner, Fred	HD-009	R	59%	59%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	3	10
Goddard, Dan	HD-007	R	28%	28%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	89

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Goetz, Jason	HD-119	R	55%	55%	-	2	4	-	10	4	-	6	-	-	6	-	-	10	-	10	3	11
Haskins, Kirk	HD-053	D	19%	19%	4	-	-	-	10	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	3	110
Haswood, Christina	HD-010	D	37%	33%	4	-	-	7	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	53
Hawkins, Dan	HD-100	R	30%	40%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Helgerson, Henry	HD-083	D	24%	46%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	3	94
Highberger, Dennis	HD-046	D	21%	17%	4	-	-	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Hill, Scott	HD-070	R	75%	75%	-	2	4	-	10	4	-	6	-	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	3	5
Hoffman, Kyle	HD-116	R	50%	50%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	16
Hoheisel, Nick	HD-097	R	30%	37%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Hougland, Allison	HD-015	D	29%	29%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	81
Houser, Michael	HD-001	R	71%	77%	-	2	4	-	10	4	X	-	-	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	X	8
Howe, Steven	HD-071	R	39%	50%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	3	45
Howell, Leah	HD-082	R	36%	43%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	56
Howerton, Cyndi	HD-098	R	50%	50%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	16
Hoye, Jo Ella	HD-017	D	20%	19%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	104
Humphries, Susan	HD-099	R	46%	48%	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	25
Jacobs, Trevor	HD-004	R	90%	92%	4	2	4	7	10	4	4	6	6	8	6	6	6	-	4	10	3	3
Johnson, Timothy	HD-038	R	42%	52%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	10	-	10	3	42
Kessler, Tom	HD-096	R	39%	45%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	45
Landwehr, Brenda	HD-105	R	53%	52%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	3	15
Lewis, Bob	HD-123	R	44%	44%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31

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Martinez, Angela	HD-103	D	29%	29%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	81
Mason, Les	HD-073	R	46%	50%	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	25
Maughan, Carl	HD-090	R	44%	44%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31
Melton, Lynn	HD-036	D	29%	29%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	81
Meyer, Heather	HD-029	D	31%	30%	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	8	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	66
Miller, Dennis	HD-014	D	16%	16%	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	115
Miller, Silas	HD-086	D	23%	23%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	3	96
Miller, Vic	HD-058	D	20%	19%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	104
Minnix, Jim	HD-118	R	29%	35%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	10	3	81
Moser, Lisa	HD-106	R	37%	43%	-	2	4	X	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	10	-	53
Murphy, Michael	HD-114	R	66%	73%	-	2	-	7	10	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	6	10	-	10	3	9
Neelly, Lance	HD-042	R	38%	50%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	51
Neighbor, Cindy	HD-018	D	17%	18%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	112
Ohaebosim, KC	HD-089	D	29%	31%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	81
Oropeza, Melissa	HD-037	D	36%	36%	4	-	-	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	56
Osman, Dan	HD-048	D	27%	30%	4	-	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	90
Ousley, Jarrod	HD-024	D	39%	27%	4	-	-	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	45
Owens, Stephen	HD-074	R	44%	47%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31
Patton, Fred	HD-050	R	24%	33%	-	2	4	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	94
Penn, Patrick	HD-085	R	38%	44%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	51
Pickert, Sandy	HD-088	R	44%	44%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31

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Poetter Parshall, Samantha	HD-006	R	n/a	n/a	4	2	X	X	X	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Poskin, Mari-Lynn	HD-020	D	27%	23%	4	-	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	90
Probst, Jason	HD-102	D	3%	23%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	123
Proctor, Patrick	HD-041	R	41%	46%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	10	-	10	3	44
Rahjes, Ken	HD-110	R	31%	37%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	66
Resman, John	HD-121	R	26%	38%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	10	-	92
Rhiley, Bill	HD-080	R	96%	86%	4	2	4	7	10	4	4	6	6	8	6	6	6	10	-	10	3	1
Robinson, Marvin	HD-035	D	31%	31%	X	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	66
Roth, Webster	HD-079	R	54%	54%	-	2	4	-	10	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	12
Ruiz, Louis	HD-031	D	n/a	17%	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	8	6	X	-	X	X	X	X	
Ruiz, Susan	HD-023	D	23%	21%	4	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	96
Sanders, Clarke	HD-069	R	44%	53%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	31
Sawyer, Tom	HD-095	D	22%	20%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
Schlingensiepen, Tobias	HD-055	D	23%	23%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	96
Schmoe, Rebecca	HD-059	R	30%	30%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Schreiber, Mark	HD-060	R	10%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	118
Seiwert, Joe	HD-101	R	50%	60%	-	2	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	3	16
Smith, Adam	HD-120	R	30%	31%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Smith, Charles	HD-003	R	39%	41%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	3	45
Smith, Eric	HD-076	R	30%	31%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Stogsdill, Jerry	HD-021	D	26%	19%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	92

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Sutton, Bill	HD-043	R	32%	45%	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	65
Tarwater, Sean	HD-027	R	36%	43%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	56
Thomas, Adam	HD-026	R	44%	53%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	X	10	-	10	3	31
Thompson, Mike	HD-033	R	30%	30%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	70
Titus, Kenny	HD-051	R	47%	47%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	3	23
Turk, Adam	HD-117	R	46%	46%	X	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	25
Turner, Carl	HD-028	R	50%	53%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	16
Underhill, Jeff	HD-065	R	42%	42%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	42
Vaughn, Lindsay	HD-022	D	37%	25%	4	-	-	7	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	53
Waggoner, Paul	HD-104	R	54%	72%	-	2	4	-	10	4	-	-	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	12
Wasinger, Barbara	HD-111	R	50%	50%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	8	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	16
Waymaster, Troy	HD-109	R	20%	27%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	104
Weigel, Virgil	HD-056	D	29%	28%	4	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	3	81
White, Gary	HD-115	R	33%	33%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	3	63
Williams, Kristey	HD-077	R	39%	45%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	10	-	10	-	45
Williams, Laura	HD-030	R	20%	20%	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	104
Winn, Valdenia	HD-034	D	21%	26%	X	X	-	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	101
Woodard, Brandon	HD-108	D	10%	14%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
Xu, Rui	HD-025	D	33%	22%	4	-	-	7	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	63
Younger, David	HD-124	R	35%	35%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	10	3	61

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HB 2060

CRONY STUDENT LOAN EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the Medical Student Loan Act. Specifically, the legislation expands eligible recipients to include obstetrics and gynecology for approved postgraduate residency training. This program utilizes taxpayer dollars to subsidize tuition costs and a $2,000 monthly stipend for undergraduate medical students at the University of Kansas who agree to practice medicine in "underserved" and hand-selected areas of the state. Lawmakers should not create central-planning schemes that determine in what parts of Kansas medical students should seek to practice their profession. Further, hardworking taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize select professions, much less ones that routinely earn salaries above the state's per capita income. The Kansas House passed the bill, 83-39, on April 27, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 32-3, on April 6, 2023.

HB 2094

VETO OVERRIDE FOR WORK REQUIREMENTS IN FOOD STAMPS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor's veto of a work reform in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Specifically, the override restores an expansion of work requirements in the food stamp program for individuals aged 50-59 without dependents and special exemptions to take part in employment searches and training to maintain eligibility within the program. The Kansas House overrode the veto, 84-40, on April 26, 2023. The Kansas Senate overrode it, 28-12, on April 27, 2023.

HB 2100

PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prevents hedge funds and private equity funds responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation constrains the commission charged with overseeing the $24 billion in Kansas's pension system to only engage with companies for the sole purpose of maximizing shareholder value as opposed to those that prioritize woke Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) practices. Additionally, the bill prohibits state agencies from entering into contracts with certain entities that prioritize ESG edicts over the pecuniary interests of clients, consumers, and taxpayers. The Kansas House passed the bill, 76-47, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 27-12, on the same day.

HB 2106

SPECIAL INTEREST TAX CARVEOUT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements a new crony sales tax exemption. Specifically, the legislation creates a tax carveout for equipment, software, and machinery purchased by communication service providers equal to $85.7 million over the next

five years. Such exemptions further distort the tax code while rewarding government-preferred industries with special deals at the expense of hardworking Kansans. The Kansas House passed the bill, 108-13, on March 9, 2023. The Kansas Senate did not take it up.

HB 2184

MISSED OPPORTUNITY BUDGET AGREEMENT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is one of three bills that constitute the annual budget process. Specifically, the legislation allocates a record $17.8 billion in state spending for FY2024, a 4.1 percent year-over-year increase from the previous budget. Additionally, the bill incorporates $220 million in new federal infrastructure spending, $150 million in new crony workforce development initiatives to benefit well-connected industries, $142 million in federal ARPA funding for higher education projects, and $100 million in additional Medicaid spending for a welfare program with consistently poor health outcomes. It should be noted that the bill successfully stayed below the population plus inflation metric, but ultimately inflates the baselines of key agencies that will burden hardworking Kansans in the years ahead. The Kansas House passed the bill, 79-44 on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 24-12, on the same day.

HB 2184 LINE ITEM 115H

VETO OVERRIDE ON DISMANTLING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI INFRASTRUCTURE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This override reverses the governor's veto of a prohibition on public universities and colleges in Kansas from operating discriminatory Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) offices. Specifically, the legislation prohibits higher education institutions that receive taxpayer money from funding or operating woke DEI offices and programs that promote race essentialism. Hardworking Kansans should not be compelled to fund a bureaucracy that engages in explicit discrimination and espouses neo-Marxist concepts. The Kansas House sustained the veto, 79-45, on April 26, 2023. The Kansas Senate did not take it up.

HB 2292

NEW CRONY GRANT AND TAX PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements several new tax credits and a matching grant program. Specifically, the legislation creates the Apprenticeship Tax Credit which rewards eligible employers with up to $55,000 per year in tax credits against their income tax liability for employing apprentices and provides a separate credit for apprentices in secondary and postsecondary career and technical programs. The tax credits are capped at $7.5 million annually. Additionally, the bill creates a matching $2.5 million apprentice grant program at the Department of Commerce to hand out taxpayer subsidies to eligible employers for a total of $10 million in crony taxpayer-funded apprenticeship programs for government-preferred businesses. The Kansas House passed the bill, 110-11, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 32-6, on the same day.

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HB 2331

STATE GOVERNMENT LAND GRAB

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill designates part of Allen County as a new state park. Specifically, the legislation claims Lehigh Portland trails and converts it to the Lehigh Portland State Park under the supervision of the Department of Wildlife and Parks. The bill project is estimated to cost between $5 and $7 million. Lawmakers should not usurp the voluntary private oversight of land by seizing it on behalf of state control at a significant cost to hardworking Kansan families and taxpayers. The Kansas House passed the bill, 101-21, on March 16, 2023. The Kansas Senate did not take it up.

HB 2336

EMPOWERING SIGNIFICANT LOCAL TAX INCREASES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the power of airport authorities to issue bonds. Specifically, the legislation increases the threshold for triggering the required approval of new municipal taxes from airport authorities from $1 million to $10 million–an immediate 900 percent increase in the taxation capabilities of such entities. Additionally, the bill strips voters of their ability to disapprove of such taxes and instead places approval in the hands of relevant county commissioners, diminishing direct accountability of airport authority bonds. Further, the bill provides for bonds over the previous 1.85 percent cap of the assessed value of taxable personal property in the county. The Kansas House passed the bill, 117-6, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 31-7, on the same day.

HB 2387

EXPANDED STAR BOND PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements numerous changes to the state Sales Tax and Revenue (STAR) bond program. Specifically, the legislation establishes a new revenue replacement fund to account for a 6.5 percent sales tax rate within bond districts while expanding the use of STAR bonds to include historic theater renovation and major amusement park construction. Additionally, the bill expands the ability of local governments to finance rural development projects from $10 million to $25 million without having to issue a special obligation bond–a 150 percent increase in crony municipal financing authority. Lawmakers should reject efforts to "replace" decreased tax revenue and saddle hardworking taxpayers with the increased risk that comes from municipal bonds and loans. The Kansas House passed the bill, 72-49, on February 23, 2023. The Kansas Senate did not take it up.

HB 2414

NEW ENGINEERING SUBSIDY PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new engineering subsidy program for universities. Specifically, the legislation creates the Engineering Graduate Incentive Fund to provide taxpayer-funded grants to engineering students to pay for tuition and internships or hire new engineering professors and faculty. The total amount of appropriations for FY2024 is $1.5 million followed by a $5

million programmatic cap beginning in FY2025. Hardworking taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize select professions, much less ones that routinely earn salaries above the state's per capita income. The Kansas House passed the bill, 82-40, on March 27, 2023. The Kansas Senate did not take it up.

SB 17

CENTRALLY PLANNED HOUSING BOND SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates new government-planned housing criteria. Specifically, the legislation authorizes cities with more than 60,000 residents to create housing reinvestment districts that dictate the development of government housing units down to the number built and square footage. Additionally, the bill expands the usage of municipal bonds in these districts to finance new government housing projects, further expands eligibility under the rural housing development program, and permanently expands the existing housing investment tax credit for well-connected developers. While the total impact on hardworking Kansans is unknown, this massive central planning scheme immediately impacts the seven largest cities and nearly 40 percent of the state population. The Kansas House passed the bill, 63-59, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 31-9, on the same day.

SB 25

OMNIBUS SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements the omnibus reconciliation budget for FY2024 and is one of three bills that constitute the annual budget process. Specifically, the legislation appropriates an additional $120 million for an across-the-board meritless pay raise for government employees and creates a new committee to dole out $55 million in annual infrastructure funding to well-connected entities through the Build Kansas Matching Infrastructure Grant fund. The Kansas House passed the bill, 91-29, on April 28, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 29-10, on the same day.

SB 83

TRANSFORMATIONAL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a significant ESA program for eligible pre-K-12 students in Kansas. Specifically, the legislation provides for tax dollars to follow students to a school of their parents' or guardians' choice–including private education–over a five-year phase-in approach that gradually expands eligibility up to 600 percent of the federal poverty level by FY2027. Parents will have access to roughly $5,100–equal to 95 percent of the annual per-pupil allocation–each year for tuition, books, and other related education expenses. This bill greatly expands opportunities for improved educational outcomes at a time when record numbers of children have left the failing government school systems. The Kansas House passed the bill, 65-58, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate rejected it, 17-20, on the same day.

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SB 123

NEW CRONY HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides taxpayer-funded grants to older students in specific fields of study. Specifically, the legislation provides up to $3,000 per semester to adults over the age of 25 attending select universities in government-preferred fields such as healthcare, science, engineering, and early childhood education. Further, the bill provides for a $1,500 income tax credit upon graduation if recipients live and work in Kansas for two years. The two-year cost of the program is $2 million with eligibility criteria largely determined by household income. Lawmakers should not create new programs requiring hardworking families to subsidize adults who choose to leave the workforce for school. The Kansas House passed the bill, 122-1, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 35-2, on the same day.

SB 169

VETO OVERRIDE ON TRANSFORMATIONAL TAX OVERHAUL

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant new tax relief for individuals and businesses in Kansas. Specifically, the legislation eliminates the income tax for the lowest bracket and institutes a single 5.15 percent flat rate for all Kansans with income above $12,300 in married households and income above $6,150 for individuals. The bill reduces the existing state corporate income tax from 4 percent to 3 percent beginning in FY2024 and further reduces the privilege tax for banks from 2.25 percent to 1.63 percent by FY2025. Additionally, the bill implements an annual cost of living increase for the standard deduction and fully eliminates the food sales tax by the end of 2023. Estimates suggest that these measures will provide hardworking Kansans with nearly $1.4 billion in tax relief. The Kansas House passed the bill, 85-38, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate sustained the veto, 26-14, on April 26, 2023.

SB 229

COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATOR SALARY INCREASES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes the Legislative Compensation Commission. Specifically, the legislation creates a commission to justify salary increases for state lawmakers with members of the commission hand-selected by the governor or in specific leadership roles. The legislation specifies that statewide officials will have their salaries pegged to congressional salaries beginning in 2025. Further, the bill grants the new commission the authority to make recommendations on retirement benefits. As hardworking Kansans face persistent inflation and high costs, lawmakers should not seek self-serving salary increases at the expense of their constituents. The Kansas House passed the bill, 76-46, on April 6, 2023. The Kansas Senate passed it, 25-8, on the same day.

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